



THE STATES:  
"Distinct as the Billows, but one as the Sea."

Western Democrat  
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CHARLOTTE.  
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A DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

In our next we will lay before our readers the admirable "national" platform adopted by the Democracy of Pennsylvania in State Convention last week. When will we see the Know-Nothing party of Pennsylvania, or of any other free State, adopting a platform equally sound, national, conservative, and protective of Southern rights? Never.

A PATRIOTIC SUGGESTION.

The Memphis (Tennessee) "Appeal," a Know-Nothing journal, completely disgusted with the election of a Seward Speaker at Washington, through the agency of his Know-Nothing brethren, asks what are the Southern Know-Nothings to do in the face of those abolition fanatics, and pointedly and sensibly answers, as to the duty of the Know-Nothing party of the South. The Appeal says:

"Most clearly it is the duty of the American party of the South to disband as a separate organization, and unite with the Democratic party in crushing the hydra of abolitionism. If must be manifest that Know-Nothingism in the North has given a new impulse and accidental strength to negro-phobia. It must also be a plain proposition that the Southern members of the Order can neither effect a national nomination in conjunction with their Northern brethren, nor can they do otherwise than weaken the South by running a separate ticket."

CAN'T SUPPORT IT.

Wm. M. Barwell, Esq., recently the editor of the Know-Nothing Organ at Washington City, at present a prominent member of the House of Delegates of Virginia, and hitherto the leader of the Know-Nothing party in the South Western portion of that State, refuses to support the Fillmore and Douglass ticket, and declares an intention to preserve a neutral position until the meeting of the Democratic National Convention, at Cincinnati, when he will make choice of that ticket which shall exhibit the best Southern platform. This satisfies us that Mr. B. will be found in support of the Democratic ticket, as will be thousands of others, of his party in the South, when that platform—decided, unequivocal and sound as it will be on all questions of interest to the South and to the whole Union—shall be laid before the people. Mr. Barwell refuses to act any longer with a party which has repudiated the "42nd section"—a section discarded to please the abolitionists and to enable a Northern man to stand on the platform. Who knows Millard Fillmore's opinion on the Kansas question and the important principles connected therewith? Will he or his friends inform us whether or not he, repudiates the "42nd section"? We venture to predict that his opinions on subjects which are now of vital interest to the South will not be given beyond the mere endorsement of the present Know-Nothing platform, which is wholly evasive on all questions of interest to the South.

EMIGRATION TO KANSAS.

It will be seen by a notice in our advertising columns that an adjourned meeting of the friends of Kansas, in this country, is called for Saturday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The object of the present meeting is, we learn, to make if possible full and final arrangements for the departure of the company of young men of this town and county who have recently formed an association for emigrating this Spring to Kansas, to aid in vindicating Southern rights and interests in that abolition ridden territory. It is needless for us to say, at this late day of the question, that the matter is one of vital interest as well to our own State as to the whole South. Mecklenburg, in other days, was prompt to repel the invader, and we are sure she will in this instance maintain her reputation for patriotism and devotion to the cause of right, justice, and constitutional government. We expect on this occasion to see a full meeting, and its acts of a real practical character.

THE JULIEN MINSTRELS.

This popular Company is now on a visit to our town. Saturday evening, and again last evening, their performance was attended by large and delighted audiences. This evening they will give their third entertainment, for which occasion they have a most attractive bill.

Mr. Holt Wilson, treasurer of the Relief Association of Portsmouth, Va., publishes a list of the names of five hundred and ninety-eight persons who died in that town last summer and fall, during the raging of the yellow fever. He states the cost of their burial at \$7.74. A report having gained currency that the yellow fever was in Norfolk, the *Argus* says: "We suppose we must contradict it; though the idea of such a disease prevailing in winter is ridiculous. The city is remarkably healthy."

Mr. Washington Kerr, of Guilford county, has been elected, by the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, to the Professorship of Chemistry in that Institution. Mr. K. graduated a few years ago with the highest honors of his class at Chapel Hill. —[*Salisbury Herald*]

DEATHS BY DROWNING.

We regret to state that on Sunday last Messrs. Wm. Kirksey and — Hayney were drowned in the Catawba River, at Rozzell's Ferry, in this county. We learn from a gentleman who was present, that the unfortunate men were engaged in fishing, and lost their lives while crossing the river in a small boat which dipped water and sunk while they were conducting it across the stream by means of a rope extending from shore to shore. They had crossed over once, and when a few steps from the shore, on their return, the accident happened. Instead of attempting to regain the nearest shore, which they had just left, they unfortunately made an effort to reach the shore for which they had started, and sunk before accomplishing their purpose. Their bodies were soon discovered, immediately taken from the water, and every effort made to resuscitate them, but without success. Their spirits had left this world to try the realities of a future existence.

FIRE.

We regret to learn that on Sunday night, the 2d instant, the corn-house and stables of Mr. R. C. Youngblood, of this county, were consumed by fire, with about one thousand bushels of corn and two horses, thus involving Mr. Y., a worthy citizen, in a severe loss. The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock in the night, after the roof of the buildings had fallen in, and when it was too late to arrest the flames or to save any part of the property. It is supposed the fire was communicated by some vile incendiary, as it was a very calm night, and there had been no fire on the plantation that day. All good citizens must desire that the perpetrator of such an offence should be detected, and justice awarded him.

PERHAPS A FIRE.

On Sunday night last, about 10 o'clock, many of our citizens observed a light in the country south-west of this place, having the appearance of a dwelling house or barn on fire. Having heard no report of a calamity of the kind, yesterday, we hope appearances were delusive.

THE MONUMENT QUESTION.

A writer in last week's Whig, over the signature of "Robert Allison," says he has read with "chagrin" a proposition in the "Democrat," copied from a communication in the Raleigh Standard, for the erection of a Monument, at Raleigh, in honor of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration, and Mr. "Allison" devotes a whole column and more of the Whig, in a labored effort to create prejudice against the author of the proposition and his "endorsees."

If the writer means to insinuate that we "endorsed" the proposition, by copying the article from the Standard, in favor of the erection of a monument at Raleigh, he insinuates what is not true. We copied the article, without any expression of opinion on the subject, merely to show what the writer in the Standard said in relation to it. Some persons are green enough to believe that Editors "endorse" every thing they select for their columns—and it may be, "Robert Allison" is one of this number. If so, we must be excused for assuring him of his error. It would not do, and for very obvious reasons. For example: We might copy the communication of "Robert Allison" to show our readers what others thought and said on the Monument question; but we should be sorry to "endorse" all the nonsense he has written on the subject. He has, he says, been "chagrined" by reading in the Democrat a proposition to erect a monument "at Raleigh," in honor of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence! Now, we did not favor or even "endorse" the proposition, yet if we had done so we are unable to see any cause for "chagrin" on the part of "Robert Allison" or any other person. For one, we are free to say, that we should be pleased to see a monument erected at Raleigh, at Charlotte, or at any other place, in honor of the patriots alluded to. We would not be "chagrined" if fifty or a hundred monuments were erected at as many different points of the State and the Union, for such a laudable purpose. On the contrary, we should be pleased to see one erected on the beautiful State-House Square at Raleigh, the capital of North Carolina, whether one be erected or not at Charlotte. Let us also have one at Washington, the capital of the Union, alongside that of Washington, which has not been built at Mount Vernon. We care not where or how many monuments may be erected in honor of the "Mecklenburg Signers." Their deeds entitle them to all such monuments. We should not be "chagrined" if "Robert Allison" himself, in his great zeal on the subject, should erect one in "Kamschatka" and we should be particularly gratified to see one erected at the appropriate place of Raleigh, the capital of the State. Who has ever been "chagrined" at seeing a monument of George Washington at the capital of Virginia, although he lived not there and his great deeds were performed elsewhere? According to "Robert Allison's" arguments, Washington's monuments should be on his battle fields, where he performed his great deeds, and not at the capital of his State or at the capital of the U. States. What a matter of "chagrin" it would be, for the thousands of strangers from all parts of our State and from every State of the Union, who annually visit Raleigh, to view there a monument in honor of the "Mecklenburg Signers!" Awfully "chagrining!" Yet, "Robert Allison" says: "I appeal to you, 'native Mecklenburgians,' in this extreme, 'momentous exigency, and to those who 'have worshipped at the shrine of civil 'Liberty throughout our beloved Union, 'and call upon you to most firmly and 'solemnly protest against any such desecration as the proposition of a writer in the 'Raleigh Standard!'"

Wonderful "appeal!" What an extreme, "momentous exigency!" And what a "desecration" would it be, to erect a monument at Raleigh in honor of the Mecklenburg Signers! Who does not feel "chagrined" at the bare mention of such a "desecrating" proposition!

If "Robert Allison" had been disposed to tell "the whole truth," in his monumental effort in the Whig, he should have informed the readers of that paper that the "Democrat" also contained an article, copied from the Wilmington Herald, in favor of a monument in our own town of Charlotte; but, so far as the readers of that Journal are concerned, they are left to infer that we gave currency to the proposition for a monument at Raleigh in disparagement of the claims of our own town. We have *none*, however, fully endorsed Raleigh, and "Robert Allison" is welcome to make the most of it.

A COLORED LAWYER.—Robert P. Morris, a colored man, is a member of the bar in Boston, and a few days ago argued a case before the jury in Salem. The Newburyport Herald says:

"Morris is a dapper little fellow, of good address, and of fair ability. He possesses in full measure the power of imitation which characterizes many of his race, and copies admirably the smartness, pertness and activity of the leading members of the bar in his examination of witnesses, as well as the argument, which last was quite readily and fluently delivered."

At an election for Mayor, the other day, in Burlington, Iowa, the entire Black Republican vote was cast for a negro barber who resides there. The *Gazette*, of that city, says that the negro is decidedly the most respectable man among them, and as they wouldn't vote for anybody but a man of their own party, their votes couldn't have been more worthily bestowed.

FATAL AFFAIR.

On Sunday morning in the Oglesboro House, at Columbus, Georgia, a quarrel arose between John Chisholm, the young man who was recently held to bail on a charge of poisoning valuable letters from the post office, and John Wood, barkeeper at the hotel. Wood is said to have thrown Chisholm on the floor, and in this posture the latter drew a pistol and shot him through the body. Mr. Wood, has died of his injuries. Chisholm, the young man who shot him, is in jail. The latter is only 16 or 17 years of age, and has already two heavy charges to answer for: taking a man's life and robbing the mails.

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MARRIED.

In Mecklenburg County, on the 6th instant, by the Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D. D., Mr. H. G. WILSON to Miss MARY E. McDONALD.

In Randolph County, on the 27th ult, by the Rev. B. L. Beal, D. A. DAVIS, Cashier of the Bank Cape Fear, Salisbury, to Mrs. E. J. BELL, of Randolph.

In Iredell county, on the 21st ult, by Rev. W. Nesbitt, Mr. MILAS DEBBINS and Miss LAMIRA NEBIT, daughter of David Reid.

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